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Irrigation tank for Sobanapuram village.

* 650 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been made to the District Collector and the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Tiruchirappalli, by the villagers and the M.L.A., Turaiyur Constituency, requesting the Government to construct an irrigation tank at Sobanapuram village, Musiri taluk;

(*b*) whether any investigation was made and whether any estimate was prepared; and

(*c*) if so, at what stage the proposal now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) A representation on behalf of the villagers was received by the Collector in 1950 and another from the hon. Member was received by the Executive Engineer in February 1954.

" (*b*) A preliminary investigation had already been made and the rough cost worked out.

" (*c*) The proposal was dropped as not being feasible owing to its limited scope, excessive cost, and the possible objections of the ayacutdars lower down."

Maniyara-Kallunata bridge.

* 651 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum signed by 316 persons of Maniyara in Payyanur firka in North Malabar, dated 11th May 1954, requesting the Government to take urgent steps to repair the Maniyara-Kallunata bridge, which was destroyed 16 years ago; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) It is proposed to take up the repair work under the National Extension Service Scheme."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the Payyanur Panchayat Board has passed a resolution that they will sanction half the amount for repairing the bridge and the Development Department have also agreed to meet the other half. If so, why this work is delayed? Is it a fact that the Development Department have not sanctioned the amount for the speedy execution of the work?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" The Payyanur Panchayat Board has no doubt promised to contribute Rs. 7,500. But it is the essence of this scheme that the local people must also offer some contribution. Therefore, the